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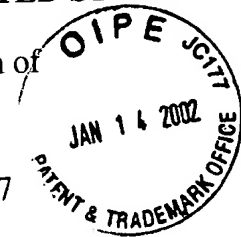
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For: SEMICONDUCTOR LASER DEVICE AND METHOD OF
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ELECTION UNDER 35 USC §121

In response to the Office Action dated December 5, 2001 holding the subject matter of claims 1-11 to be non-obvious and patentably distinct from that of claims 12-15,

Applicant(s) hereby elect the invention of Group I, (upon which claims 1-11 are readable) for further substantive examination.

This election is made without traverse. However, since a restriction requirement is never proper unless the restricted group of claims is patentably distinct (i.e., inter alia, non-obvious under 35 USC §103) from the elected group of claims, the Examiner is requested to insure that such patentable distinctness is present before proceeding to make the requirement final.

It is respectfully requested that the non-elected claims be retained for use with a possible divisional application.

Respectfully submitted,
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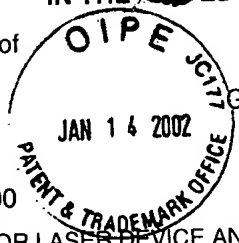
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previously paid for	20	(at least 20) =	0	x	\$ 18.00
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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